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# BUSH'S NURSERY

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Minneapolis, Minn.

Telephone Regent 1035

## PLANT LIST and ORDER SHEET for 1933

Write after the name of the plant the number of dozens wanted. Hand order to cashier.

ANNUAL FLOWER PLANTS		ANNUAL FLOWER PLANTS		HARDY PERENNIAL FLOWER PLANTS	
10c Per Dozen		20c Per Dozen		20c Each. \$2.00 Per Dozen.	
Down to Black Line		Down to Black Line			
Ageratum, Dwarf, Blue.....	1	Aster, Queen of Market, Pink.....	58	Canterbury Bell, Biennial.....	116
Alyssum, White, Edging Plant.....	2	Aster, Queen of Market, Red.....	59	Carnation, Hardy, Mixed.....	117
Aster, All Varieties, Mixed.....	3	Aster, Queen of Market, Purple.....	60	Coventry Bell, Blue Spikes.....	118
Baby Breath, White.....	4	Aster, Queen of Market, Mixed.....	61	Delphinium, Belladonna, L. Blue.....	119
Bachelor's Button, Dbl. Blue.....	5	Aster, Semple's, Lavender-blue.....	62	Delphinium, Bellamosum, D. Blue.....	120
Bachelor's Button, Dbl. Pink.....	6	Aster, Semple's, Dark Rose.....	63	Delphinium, Hollyhock Strain.....	121
Bachelor's Button, Dbl. Red.....	7	Aster, Semple's, Shell-pink.....	64	Gaillardia, Red Daisy.....	122
Bachelor's Button, Dbl. Mixed.....	8	Aster, Semple's, White.....	65	Mullein Pink, Rosy-crimson.....	123
Calendula, Orange King.....	9	Aster, Semple's, Mixed.....	66	Phlox, Hardy, Pink.....	124
Calliopsis, Tall, Double.....	10	Carnation, Chaubaud's, Double.....	67	Phlox, Hardy, Red.....	125
Cosmos, Early, Pink.....	11	Chinese Forget-me-not, Blue.....	68	Phlox, Hardy, White.....	126
Cosmos, Early, Red.....	12	Cosmos, Early, Double, Mixed.....	69	Poppy, Oriental, Red.....	127
Cosmos, Early, Mixed.....	13	Larkspur, Stockflowered, Pink.....	70	Pyrethrum, Giant, White Daisy.....	128
Daisy, African, Blue-eyed.....	14	Lobelia, Dark, Blue.....	71	Pyrethrum, Painted Daisy.....	129
Daisy, African, Orange.....	15	Nasturtium, Double.....	72	Rudbeckia, Purple Cone-flower.....	130
Everlasting Strawflower, Mixed.....	16	Pansy, Exhibition, Mixed.....	73	Shasta Daisy, White.....	131
Larkspur, Stockflowered, Mixed.....	17	Petunia, Balcony, Blue.....	74	Sweet William, Double Mixed.....	132
Marigold, African, Dbl. Mixed.....	18	Petunia, Balcony, Crimson.....	75	DWARF PERENNIAL PLANTS Suitable for Rock Garden 10c Each. \$1.00 Per Dozen	
Marigold, French, Dbl. Mixed.....	19	Petunia, Balcony, Rose.....	76	Ajuga, Blue, Dwarf Spikes.....	133
Marigold, Little Brownie.....	20	Petunia, Balcony, White.....	77	Alyssum, Yellow.....	134
Mignonette, Giant.....	21	Petunia, Heavenly Blue.....	78	Arabis, White.....	135
Nasturtium, Dwarf, Mixed.....	22	Petunia, Violet Queen.....	79	Aster, Alpine, Lavender-blue.....	136
Nasturtium, Tall, Mixed.....	23	Salpiglossis, Mixed.....	80	Blue Bells of Scotland.....	137
Nicotiana, White, Fragrant.....	24	Salvia, Fireball, Red.....	81	Cheddar Pinks, Mixed.....	138
Nicotiana, Mixed.....	25	Snapdragon, Giant, Pink.....	82	Columbine, Alpine, Purple.....	139
Pansy, All Colors.....	26	Snapdragon, Giant, Crimson.....	83	Creeping Jenny, Yellow.....	140
Petunia, General Dodd, Crimson.....	27	Verbena, Mammoth, Pink.....	84	Evening Primrose, Yellow.....	141
Petunia, Rose of Heaven.....	28	Verbena, Mammoth, Purple.....	85	Helianthemum, Mixed.....	142
Petunia, Rosy Morn.....	29	Verbena, Mammoth, Red.....	86	Hypericum, Yellow.....	143
Petunia, Striped and Blotched.....	30	Zinnia, Giant, Dahlia-flowered.....	87	Iris, Dwarf, Purple.....	144
Petunia, Balcony, Mixed.....	31	HARDY PERENNIAL FLOWER PLANTS 10c Each, \$1.00 Per Dozen		Maiden Pink, Dark Rose.....	145
Petunia, Mixed.....	32			Primrose, Mixed.....	146
Phlox, Shell-pink.....	33	Blue Flax.....	88	Sedum, Acre, Golden Moss.....	147
Phlox, Red.....	34	Clove Pink.....	89	Sedum, Album, White.....	148
Phlox, Mixed.....	35	Columbine, Long Spurred, Mixed.....	90	Sedum, Coccinium, Red.....	149
Pinks, Double, Mixed.....	36	Coreopsis, Yellow Daisy.....	91	Sedum, Glaucum, Pale Pink.....	150
Scabiosa, Mixed.....	37	Delphinium, Chinese, D. Blue.....	92	Sedum, Lydium, Pink.....	151
Snapdragon, Giant, Mixed.....	38	Delphinium, Mixed.....	93	Sedum, Pruinaum, Yellow.....	152
Stocks, Large Flowering, Mixed.....	39	Forget-me-not, Everblooming.....	94	Silene, Alpestris, White.....	153
Tagetes, Sweet Scented, Yellow.....	40	Gaillardia, Red Daisy.....	95	Snow in Summer, White.....	154
Verbena, Mammoth, Mixed.....	41	Gypsophila, Baby Breath.....	96	Thyme, Lavender.....	155
Zinnia, Giant, Salmon-rose.....	42	Hibiscus, Mixed.....	97	Tunica, Saxafrage, Pink.....	156
Zinnia, Giant, Scarlet.....	43	Lobelia, Cardinalis, Red.....	98	Veronica, Dwarf, Blue.....	157
Zinnia, Giant, Yellow.....	44	Lychnis, Tall, Red.....	99	Viola, Mixed.....	158
Zinnia, Giant, Mixed.....	45	Lychnis, Viscaria, Pink.....	100	DWARF PERENNIAL PLANTS Suitable for Rock Garden 20c Each. \$2.00 Per Dozen	
Zinnia, Dwarf, Red Riding Hood.....	46	Phlox, Hardy, Mixed.....	101	Anchusa, Dwarf, Blue.....	159
Zinnia, Dwarf, Pompon, Mixed.....	47	Platycoden, Blue, Bell-flower.....	102	Aubretia, Blue.....	160
PERENNIAL SEEDLINGS		Polemonium, Jacob's Ladder.....	103	Bleeding Heart, Fern-leaf.....	161
		Pyrethrum, Pink Daisy.....	104	Nepeta, Mussini, Blue.....	162
Canterbury Bell, 4 plants 5c.....	48	Poppy, Iceland, Mixed.....	105	Phlox, Subulata, Lavender.....	163
Columbine, Mixed, 4 plants 5c.....	49	Poppy, Oriental, Scarlet.....	106	Phlox, Subulata, Pink.....	164
Foxglove, Mixed, 4 plants 5c.....	50	Scabiosa, Japonica, Lavender.....	107	Phlox, Subulata, White.....	165
Gaillardia, Red, 4 plants 5c.....	51	Statice, Lavender.....	108	Polemonium, Dwarf, Blue.....	166
Hollyhocks, Mixed, 4 plants 5c.....	52	Sweet Rocket, Mixed.....	109	Prunella, Purple.....	167
Lupine, Mixed, 4 plants 5c.....	53	Sweet William, Newport Pink.....	110	Saponaria, Pink.....	168
Poppy, Iceland, 4 plants 5c.....	54	Sweet William, Scarlet Beauty.....	111	Thyme, Purple.....	169
Poppy, Oriental, 4 plants 5c.....	55	Sweet William, Everblooming.....	112	Thyme, Woolly-leaved, Pink.....	170
Shasta Daisy, 4 plants 5c.....	56	Sweet William, Mixed.....	113		
Sweet William, Mixed, 4 plants 5c.....	57	Veronica, Blue Spikes.....	114		
POTTED FLOWER PLANTS		Yellow Marguerite.....	115		
Geraniums, Daisies, Cannas, Petunias, Fuchsias, Begonias, Lobelia and other plants suitable for window boxes or bedding out.					



MISCELLANEOUS PLANTS			Number of Plants Wanted	PANSY PLANTS			Number of Plants Wanted	When planting a shade tree cut back top branches one-half. Dig the hole deep and fill with water which should be allowed to settle. Set tree deep and tamp hard with foot. After tree is planted water again. Then water about twice a week for a month if in sandy soil. Less watering is required in heavy soil. Some varieties of trees will drown if watered too much.			Number of Trees Wanted
EACH				One year old Pansy Plants of many varieties and shades.							
Bleeding Heart, Large	35c	171		First size, 10c each, 3 for	25c	225					
Bleeding Heart, Medium	20c	172		Second size, 5c each, 6 for	25c	226					
Castor Bean	5c	173		Third size, dozen	25c	227					
Cardinal Climber, Vine, Red,				PEONIES, DOUBLE FLOWERING							
3 plants for	10c	174		Alexander Dumas, Pink	25c	228					
Cobea Scandens, Vine, Blue,				Edulis Superba, Deep Pink	25c	229					
3 plants for	10c	175		Festiva Maxima, White	25c	230					
Heuchera, Coral Bell, Red	25c	176		Karl Rosenfield, Dark Red	60c	231					
Petunia, Violacia, Velvety-				Louis Van Houtte, Crimson	35c	232					
purple, dozen	40c	177		Prince of Wales, Red	35c	233					
Petunia, Romany Lass, Large,				Rose Fragrance, Deep Pink	25c	234					
Fringed, Red, dozen	40c	178		Rosea Superba, Dark Rose	35c	235					
Petunia, Pink Glory, Fringed,				Rubra Superba, Red	25c	236					
Rose-pink, dozen	40c	179		Peony, Mixed Varieties	10c	237					
Petunia, Dwarf California,				GIANT PLANTS							
Giant, Mixed, dozen	40c	180		Extra Choice, \$3.50 Per Dozen							
Petunia, Giant, Ruffled,				EACH							
Fringed, Mixed, dozen	40c	181		Canterbury Bell	35c	238					
Petunia, Double, Fr., dozen	50c	182		Clove Pink	35c	239					
Sidalcea, Rose Queen	25c	183		Columbine, Long Spurred	35c	240					
Yucca, Adam's Needle	25c	184		Coreopsis, Yellow Daisy	35c	241					
Yucca, Variegated	35c	185		Delphinium	35c	242					
GLADIOLI			Number of Dozens Wanted	Forget-me-not, Blue	35c	243					
DOZ.				Daisy, Giant White	35c	244					
Crimson Glow, Dark Red	35c	186		Lychnis, Viscaria, Pink	35c	245					
Golden Measure, Yellow	35c	187		Polemonium, Blue Spikes	35c	246					
Marshal Foch, (Kunderd),				Sweet William	35c	247					
Large, Salmon-pink	35c	188		GIANT PLANTS GIVEN FREE							
Pendleton, Pink, Red Spots	35c	189		With a \$3.00, \$5.00 or \$10.00 order of plants.							
Virginia, Scarlet	35c	190		We will give one of these Giant Canterbury Bell, Clove Pink, Coreopsis, Columbine, etc., as listed above, your choice, with \$3.00 order, two plants with a \$5.00 order, five plants with a \$10.00 order.							
Mixed Varieties	20c	191		SHADE TREES							
VEGETABLE PLANTS			Number of Trees Wanted	Birch, Common, White Bark—							
20c Per Dozen				6 to 7 ft.	75c to \$1.00						
Tomato, Earliana		192		8 to 9 ft.	1.50						
Tomato, John Baer		193		Catalpa, Large leaf, White							
Tomato, Ponderosa, Red		194		Flower, 8 to 10 ft.	\$2.00 to 3.00						
Tomato, Ponderosa, Yellow		195		Chestnut, American, Yellow							
Tomato, Yellow Plum		196		Flowers, 7 to 8 ft.	1.75						
Cauliflower, Snowball		197		Elm, American, for Lawn, 8 to 10 ft.	\$1.00 to 2.00						
VEGETABLE PLANTS				5 ft. to 6 ft.	35c to .50						
10c Per Dozen				Elm, American, for Boulevard, 10 to 12 ft.	\$2.00, \$2.50 to 3.00						
Tomato, Large, Red		198		Elm, Chinese, Dense Foliage, Fast Growing, 5 to 6 ft.	50c to .75						
Pepper, Bell, Sweet		199		Elm, Molene, Very Straight Trunk, Smooth Bark, 8 to 10 ft.	1.75						
Cabbage, Copenhagen Market		200		Elm, Vase, Straight Trunk, Vase Shape Top, 8 to 10 ft.	1.50						
Cabbage, Danish Ballhead		201		Mountain Ash, European, Red Berries, 6 ft.	.75						
Celery, Self Blanching		202		10 ft.	\$1.00 to 1.25						
Ground Cherries, Golden		203		Maple, Hard or Sugar Maple, 6 to 7 ft.	1.00						
Parsley, Moss Curled		204		8 to 10 ft.	\$1.50 to 2.00						
IRIS, GERMAN				Maple, Soft, fast growing, 7 to 8 ft.	\$1.00 to 1.25						
EACH				Poplar, Bolleana, 8 to 10 ft.	1.00						
Aurea, Light Yellow	10c	205		6 to 8 ft.	.75						
Fairy, Bluish-white	10c	206		Poplar, Lombardy, Pyramid Type—							
Foster's Yellow, Cream	10c	207		10 to 12 ft.	\$1.00 to 1.35						
Loreley, Violet-purple	10c	208		8 to 10 ft.	65c to .85						
Madam Chereau, White with border of Blue	25c	209		6 to 8 ft.	.50						
Gertrude, Blue	20c	210		Poplar, Norway, fast growing—							
Purple Prince, D. Purple	35c	211		10 to 12 ft.	75c to 1.00						
Princess Louise, Yel. Pur.	25c	212		6 to 8 ft.	.50						
Prosper Laugier, Bronze and Purple	20c	213		Willow, Niobe, Weeping, Yellow, 6 to 8 ft.	.90						
Quaker Lady, Lav. and Blue	25c	214									
Rheine Nixe, Purple and White	25c	215									
Siberian, Purple	10c	216									
Siberian, White	15c	217									
Japanese, Mixed	20c	218									
LILIES, HARDY											
EACH											
Lily, Blackberry, Orange	10c	219									
Lily, Elegans, Red	25c	220									
Lily, Funkia, Lavender	20c	221									
Lily, Orange	25c	222									
Lily, Regal, White	25c	223									
Lily, Tiger, Double	15c	224									

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#### EVERGREENS

##### Balled and Burlapped

##### Arbor Vitae, Pyramid

3 1/2 to 4 ft. heavy	\$5.00 to 6.00
3 to 3 1/2 ft.	\$3.00 to 4.50
2 1/2 to 3 ft.	\$2.00 to 2.50
2 to 2 1/2 ft.	\$1.25 to 1.75
1 1/2 to 2 ft.	\$ .75 to 1.00

##### Arbor Vitae, American

3 1/2 to 4 ft.	\$2.50 to 3.50
2 1/2 to 3 ft.	\$1.25 to 2.00
1 1/2 to 2 ft.	\$ .75 to 1.00

##### Arbor Vitae, Siberian, Bluish Green

2 to 2 1/2 ft.	\$1.50 to 2.00
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##### Arbor Vitae, Globe

15 to 18 in.	\$1.00 to 1.50
12 to 15 in.	\$ .75 to 1.00

##### Juniper, Saven, Vase Shape

18 to 24 in.	\$1.50 to 2.00
12 to 15 in.	.75

##### Juniper, Pfitzer, Spreading

18 to 24 in.	2.00
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##### Juniper, Creeping

12 to 15 in.	\$ .35 to .50
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##### Pine, Mugho, Dwarf

2 1/2 ft.	3.25
1 1/2 ft.	1.50

##### Pine, Scotch

3 1/2 to 4 ft.	\$2.50 to 3.00
2 to 2 1/2 ft.	\$ .75 to 1.25

##### Spruce, Colorado, Blue

2 1/2 to 3 1/2 ft.	\$5.00 to 6.00
15 to 18 in.	\$1.00 to 1.50
Green, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 ft.	\$3.00 to 3.50
15 to 18 in.	\$ .75 to 1.00

##### Spruce, Black Hill, Compact

2 to 2 1/2 ft.	\$1.75 to 2.00
18 to 24 in.	\$1.25 to 1.50
12 to 18 in.	\$ .75 to 1.00

##### Spruce, White

3 to 4 ft.	\$1.50 to 2.50
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Evergreens are becoming more popular each year. They are beginning to crowd out the old plantings of shrubbery which have monopolized the home grounds for so long.

The first cost of evergreens is low compared to their increasing value year after year, and the value they add to the home property.

Properly grown, carefully dug and handled they are as easy to transplant and make grow as any other plant.

Full directions for planting and care of evergreens will be given at time of purchase.

Hardy Shrubs and Roses not listed here. If interested ask for list.



SMALL EVERGREENS		
Suitable for Rock Garden		
Arbor Vitae, American		
18 to 24 in.....	50c to	.75
Arbor Vitae, Globe Shape		
12 to 15 in.....	35c to	.50
Arbor Vitae, Pyramid		
18 to 24 in.....	75c to	1.00
12 to 15 in.....	35c to	.50
9 to 12 in.....	25c to	.35
Juniper, Pfitzer, 15 to 18 in.....		
12 to 15 in.....	35c to	.50
6 to 9 in.....		.25
Juniper, Saven, 12 to 15 in.....		
10 to 12 in.....	35c to	.50
8 to 10 in.....		.20
Juniper, Prostrata, Creeping		
9 to 12 in.....		.25
12 to 15 in.....		.35
Juniper, Silver, Creeping		
8 to 12 in.....	35c to	.50
Pine, Austrian, 12 to 18 in.....		
10 to 12 in.....		.25
6 to 9 in.....		.10
Pine, Mugho, Dwarf, 8 to 10 in.		
6 to 9 in.....	15c to	.25
Spruce, Colorado, Blue		
12 to 15 in.....	\$1.00 to	1.50
8 to 10 in.....	\$ .25 to	.35
Green, 10 to 15 in.....	\$ .50 to	.75
8 to 10 in.....		.20
Spruce, Black Hill		
6 to 9 in.....	15c to	.20
Spruce, Norway, Green		
6 to 9 in.....	10c to	.20

When planting in a rock garden, use some of the tall growing varieties for background, such as the **American** and **Pyramid Arbor Vitae**, **Austrian** and **Scotch Pine**, **Norway Spruce** and **Canadian Hemlock**.

The **Junipers** and **Arbor Vitaes** can be trimmed to prevent spreading or growing too tall.

### PERENNIALS IN BLOOM

Don't forget to visit the nursery during the month of June when thousands of perennials are in bloom, and in July and August when many varieties of **Hardy Phlox** are in bloom. A good display will be on hand each day from which to select.

### ANNUALS IN BLOOM

Many annuals are in bloom at the nursery during the summer months. If your garden is not complete, you can get **Petunias**, **Verbenas**, **Bachelor's Buttons**, **Pinks**, **Marigolds**, **Lobelias**, **Snapdragons**, **Zinnias**, etc., all in bloom, just what you need to fill up that vacant space in the garden.

The nursery is open every day all summer. The summer planting of flowers is increasing each year. The plants should be planted in late afternoon or evening for best results. Water the ground before planting and again afterwards. Press earth firmly around roots.

Perennials should be protected in winter with a covering of three or four inches of straw. Cover in the fall when the ground starts to freeze.

### BLACK DIRT

Our black dirt is nearly all humus. Humus is decayed vegetation and decayed vegetation is nature's fertilizer. Nothing of importance will grow without it. Decayed vegetation produces a rank growth of new vegetation wherever used, in flower pots, window boxes, flower beds, gardens or lawns.

**Two-yard truck load**.....\$4.00  
**Sack** ..... 25c

Dirt properly mixed with humus and fertilizer for use in window boxes.

**Sack** .....50c

The Black Dirt which we have been selling for many years is a product of an old lake bottom or peat bog. The accumulation of peat is the result of dead and decayed grasses, roots and other vegetable matter. It is similar to leaf mold which has long been considered of great benefit to soil.

Peat soil at one time was considered useless for garden or farm crops, but now that tractors are being used to thoroughly pulverize the soil, wonderful crops are raised. Horticultural publications are claiming great results are obtained by the use of peat for many purposes. It is now being dried, bailed and sold by the name of **Peat Moss**. Much of it is shipped here from Europe. Some people are still condemning and advising their friends against the use of peat soil. Some claim it will burn, or dry up and blow away. Leaf mold will also burn, or dry up and blow away. Horticulturists claim that peat will hold from 10 to 15 times its weight in moisture. Some people claim plants grown in peat soil are small and stunted, while other complain that they grow too big. Like the first locomotive engine—they said it would never run, but if it ever did get started, they would never be able to stop it.

Many of our customers who have been using this soil for a number of years have reported wonderful results by mixing it with other soil in their gardens; while those who just spread it on the top of the ground are not so successful. It is too light unless mixed with other soil. For window boxes use one-third peat mixed with other soil. For lawns, first mow the grass, then spread soil on about one inch thick and rake thoroughly. The grass roots soon take up the soil. If the lawn is poor, this can be done at intervals through spring, summer or fall. For using in rock gardens and terraces it prevents the soil from washing. For mixing with clay it softens the soil and prevents it from caking. It retains the moisture when used in sandy or gravelly soil.

### LAWN GRASS SEED

A good mixture of **Clover**, **Redtop** and **Kentucky Bluegrass**.

**Grade No. 1**.....Lb. 40c  
**Grade No. 2**.....Lb. 30c  
**White Clover** .....Lb. 60c

One pound will plant a square space of about 15 feet wide, or 225 square feet.

### FERTILIZER

**Steamed Bone Meal**, 3 lbs.....20c  
10 lbs.....50c 20 lbs.....90c  
**Wizard Sheep Manure**, 3 lbs.....20c  
10 lbs.....50c 25 lbs.....\$1.00  
**Vigoro**, 12-oz. pkg.....10c  
5-lb. pkg.....50c 10-lb. pkg.....85c  
25-lb. bag...\$1.50 50-lb. bag...2.50  
100-lb. bag .....4.00

**Vigoro** is a highly concentrated fertilizer. It acts quickly and should be used in starting small plants. Spread on a coating of about 1 lb. to 3 or 4 square yards, and mix in the soil to a depth of 3 or 4 inches before setting in plants. Use it in connection with our Humus soil to start a more rapid growth.

### PLANTS SHIPPED BY PARCEL POST

We do not fill mail orders for less than \$1.00. Add 25c extra for postage and packing on \$1.00 order and 10c extra for each additional \$1.00.

This sheet will be returned with your order.

Name .....

Address .....

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*This is a view in one of the rock gardens at the nursery. It was taken in September, 1932, a few weeks after the garden was completed. There are about one hundred feet of irregular shore line around this pool. The garden can be viewed from any direction as a path leads entirely around the pool. This pool is fed by a winding stream flowing over waterfalls and through mossy banks from the pool of a smaller garden at a much higher elevation.*

### ROCK GARDENING AS A PASTIME

If you must have a hobby, try your hand at rock gardening. There is always something in nature that appeals to everyone. A rock garden built to represent nature is most fascinating. There is something in a well-built rock garden to interest everyone, the plants and flowers, the rocks, the water, water plants and fish, or the effect of the entire arrangement of the pool and the garden. Hills and valleys, streams and waterfalls representing in miniature what we have seen in nature make a grand display.

One might travel for days, and not find a spot so interesting as a carefully built rock garden on his own home grounds.

### IT IS EASY TO MAKE A ROCK GARDEN

A rock garden should be something besides just a load of rock dumped on the ground with a little dirt thrown in between the rocks and a few plants added. To be fascinating a rock garden should represent something in nature. Who would care to see meadows and prairies covered with rock? But if we visit the mountains or steep banks of rivers or

lakes and fail to find ledges of rocks and boulders of all kinds, we would be disappointed.

It is on the mountain slopes and cliffs where we find the Alpine or rock plants growing, so let us make some mountains and valleys in miniature. If you wish a pool make it irregular to represent a lake with an island or peninsula, etc. Select a spot near the side or back of the lot line. Use some shrubs or evergreens for a background. Dig the pool about 18 to 24 inches deep, and cement the bottom and sides 4 to 5 inches thick. Use the dirt to shape the mountains and valleys around the pool. Leave enough open space in front for entrance to pool.

If the dirt is clay, add some sand or gravel to it, then mix in about 3 or 4 inches of our humus or peat soil. It supplies fertility and prevents the soil from washing. Dig pockets here and there and set your rock. Some prefer imported rock, but native rock is all right. Use the flat rock for cliff effect, boulders and odd shaped rocks on the slopes and foot hills. Then tamp the soil down between the rocks and set in the plants. Use some of the taller varieties near the pool.

Before starting your rock garden practice on a few tiny ones for models to get the shape you want. It will save time and produce some interesting results.

